Rural sanitation programme in Andhra Pradesh

*715. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Rural Development has released Rs. 128.79 lakh to Andhra Pradesh under different development schemes under the Central Rural Sanitation Programme;

(b) if so, whether Central Government share of Rs. 744.59 lakh for the scheme has been released;

(c) if so, whether this amount has been fully utilized by the State Government and the progress made in this regard; and

(d) whether any progress report of the work done in this regard has been obtained from the State Government?

THE MINISTER FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) and (b) The Government of India has released Rs. 1895.70 lakh to Government of Andhra Pradesh under the Central Rural Sanitation Programme during 2001-02 which has two parts (a) Rs. 1877.09 lakh is the 30 per cent share of the Government of India under the Total Sanitation Campaign and (b) Rs. 18.61 lakh is the balance of the Government of India share for the project for sanitation facilities in Khammam District of Andhra Pradesh.

(c) and (d) As per the progress report for the month of April, 2002 received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh, the State Government has reported the utilisation of Rs. 437.16 lakh. The Physical achievement reported by the Government of Andhra Pradesh is 38.500 household latrines and 2,428 toilets for schools.

Employees posted from station Hq. Delhi Cantt. to 124 INF. BN. (TA) Sikh C/o 56 APO

*716. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employees posted from Station Headquarter

Delhi Cantonment to 124 INF. BN. (TA) Sikh C/o 56 APO during the last three years;

(b) the employees alongwith disignation whose service documents have not been sent to their posted section;

(c) whether it is a fact that in spite of the twelve reminders sent to Station Headquarter vide Letter No. 245/1/Q. dated 17th April, 2002, the documents have not been sent; and

(d) the reasons for delay and by when the documents will be sent?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (d) Station headquarters, Delhi have informed that no employee was posted from Station Headquarters, Delhi to 124 Infantry Battalion (Territorial Army) during the last three years.

However, the service book of Shri Hukam Singh (CS-715), Conservancy Safaiwala (referred to in the letter dated 17.4.2002) who was posted by the Station Headquarters to 124 Infantry Battalion (Territorial Army) on 5.8.1998 was retained by the Station Headquarters for audit verification and scrutiny for some time. The service book after audit verification and scrutiny has since been returned by the Station Headquarters to 124 Infantry Battalion (Territorial Army).

Action against false complainants

*717. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the news-item captioned "Amend IPC to prevent false charges against officials" which appeared in the Hindustan Times on 26th April, 2002;

(b) whether it is a fact that the defamation suit filed by honest officials is time consuming and very expensive resulting in convenient escape of complainants;

(c) whether Government propose to amend Indian Penal Code to punish the complainants making false charges as recommended by Central Vigilance Commission;

(d) if so, by when; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?